

Palm Sunday



The Liturgy of the Word

April 5, 2020

10:15 a.m.

Welcome to worship among the people of The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection. We are glad you have joined us. Your presence enriches our worship of God.

Everything you need in order to follow and participate in the liturgy is printed in this service booklet. Please follow the directions printed in italic; parts said by the entire congregation are printed in **bold**.

About Palm Sunday:

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most sacred for Christians, in which we are invited to enter into the sacred events that took place in Jerusalem from the time of Jesus' entry into the city (Palm Sunday), through his passion, death and burial (Good Friday). Holy Week ends at the celebration of the Easter Vigil on Saturday after sunset.

The Palm Sunday liturgy originated in Jerusalem around the 4th century when Christians, reenacting the Gospel accounts of triumphal Jesus' entry into the city and waving branches of palm or olive trees, processed from the Mount of Olives to the site of the Lord's tomb shouting, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" By the 8th century, in many places there was a blessing of palms to be carried as symbols of the victory of Christ and protection against the devil, and in the Middle Ages, processions of Christians carrying blessed palms and a representation of Christ, moved from one church to another.

Eventually, the "palm service" was affixed to an older mass in which the story of the Passion was read, and a liturgy known as "Sunday of the Passion" which includes both of these events emerged. Simply stated, it was (and remains) a way to ensure that everyone heard the story of Christ's Passion even if they did not attend worship on Good Friday, and this would be to overlook the pivotal event of Christ's suffering and death on the cross. Sunday of the Passion is how most Christian churches mark the beginning of Holy Week to this day.

However, in an effort to fully mark Palm Sunday as our entry into the events of Holy Week and to preserve the order of those events as they occurred and as we live them over the course of the week, our liturgy this morning features the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as the sole Gospel reading and omits the reading of the Passion (which will be read at the Liturgy of Good Friday). Our liturgy will begin outside.



The Liturgy of the Palms

As we gather to mark this holy day from many different places, you are invited to find some sort of greenery — perhaps a palm, if you have one in your yard, but any branch or bit of plant will work. The palms in our Gospel today were simply what the followers of Jesus found along the side of the road. If you are joining worship using a device that can travel, start outside with us! And wherever you are — living room, porch, yard, somewhere else — you are invited to raise your greens high as we take part in this ancient procession, spanning time and space.

Opening Acclamation & Collect

Presider Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord:

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Presider Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our lord. **Amen.**

Blessing of the Palms

Presider May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Procession

Presider Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**



Entrance Hymn

Refrain

The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.
O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.

1 Who is the King of glo - ry? What shall we call him?
2 In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
3 He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion;
4 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en.

He is Im - man - u - el, the prom - ised of a - ges.
he goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.
he took up - on him - self the sin of the na - tions.
And he will share with us his heav - en - ly king - dom.

Repeat refrain

The Collect of the Day

Presider May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn 154

All Glory Laud and Honor

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens — wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2,19-29

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.**

**Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."**

**Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.**

**"This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."**

**I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.**

**The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.**

**This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! *
Lord, send us now success.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the Lord.**

**God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.**

**"You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you."**

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.**

Second reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Gradual Hymn

Hosanna, loud hosanna

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang:
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heaven our King.

to Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the vocal and bass lines. The first system includes three numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system concludes the lyrics. The score ends with a double bar line.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and

he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The Rev. Liz Tichenor

You are invited to join in a time of silence and reflection following the sermon.

Song *My spirit is longing for you*

My spi-rit is long-ing for you, my God; my spi-rit is wait-ing in hope. My
spi-rit is long-ing for you, my God; my spi-rit is wait-ing in hope.

Affirmation of Faith *The Nicene Creed* *standing*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:**

by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

standing

Presider Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Leader Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy
People Hear our prayer.

Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy
People Hear our prayer.

Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy
People Hear our prayer.

Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially Hugo, Margarite, Sophia, and Olivia; Sharon; Katherine; and Mary Lou, members of our parish family, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy
People Hear our prayer.

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our parish prayer list; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Linda Silva, Johnny Storz, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

All **Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People:

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider As we join our hearts together, let us say together the prayer that Jesus taught us:

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Announcements

Birthdays, Anniversaries and Milestones

Hands of God

To - day, to - mor-row and al - ways we re - joice in the hands_ of God. May God's
pow - er-ful hands sup - port you, May God's guid - ing hands lead you, May God's
lov - ing hands en - fold you. We re - joice in the hands_ of God.

Solemn Prayer

Presider Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Concluding Hymn 458 (vs. 1,2,3,7)

My song is love unknown

Unison or harmony

1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but
 *3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -

1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O
 2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But
 3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then

1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.
 3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
 no story so divine:
 never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine,
 This is my friend,
 in whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 could gladly spend.

Dismissal

Presider Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Prayer List

Mark	Joy
Paula & Harry	Amy
Joann	Kathie
Kenny	John
Len	Shelly
Peggy	Julie
Pauline	Matthew
Maggie	Dave
Eloise	Pat
Katherine	John
Violaine	Rosella
Jennifer	John
Pam	Kris' family
Mary Pat	Betty
Chris	Rev. Robert
Carmel	Bev
Cammy	Mike
Robyn	Amy
Skip	Meg
Rev. Steve	Rick
Sasha	Chaz
Pat	Marcos
Rick	Phil
Bob	Jim
Teresa	Jordan
Paula	Judy
Jeff	Dick
Grace	

Please Pray for those in the Armed Services

Tristan, David, Katie, Kris, Devin, Adam, Jason

Please Pray for those who have died

Linda Silva, Johnny Storz

*Rest Eternal grant to them, O God
and let light perpetual shine upon them.*



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